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To whom it may concern:I am in the U.S. Coast Guard, and at my previous duty station in San Francisco Bay Area we sometimes responded to distress calls by land towing a boat behind our truck to the local launch ramp to get the quickest response to the person in distress.

My plan would be to equip each search and rescue vehicle with XM radio to get the compressive traffic reports, so the responding crew can decide which path is the quickest.

Local radio gives traffic reports every 10 minutes and not complete. A person with a sinking boat or a heart attack could die in 10 minutes because I didn?t have the complete and timely traffic report to determine the fastest route to take.

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